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Re: Acceptance of Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, Fisher Creek Project, S/003/027, Box Elder County, Utah

Dear Mr. Bown:

Thank you for your updated Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations received by the Division on October 2, 2000. The proposed Fisher Creek Project is located in the SW1/4 of Section 8, T13N, R13W, SLBM, Box Elder County, Utah. The application is considered complete and no additional information is required by the Division at this time.

Approval of mineral exploration or mining operations by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining does not constitute approval to commence operations upon federal lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). You must receive written acceptance from the BLM prior to conducting mining operations.

Please notify this Division and the BLM prior to constructing any roads. The area will need to be flagged by the BLM and/or the Division prior to any road work disturbance.

In accordance with rule R647-3-105 regarding the project location, the areas to be disturbed should be plotted on a map in sufficient detail so that they can be located on the ground. It is also required that the operator mark the proposed (5 acre or less) disturbed area boundary (including access/haul roads) in the field with metal T-Posts (or with some other marker of equal effectiveness). Markers must be appropriately spaced so that the next marker in either direction is clearly visible with the naked eye.

The Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975 [40-8-7(I)] provides the authority for fee implementation which was approved by the Utah Legislature at its 1998 session. Commencing July 1, 1998, the fees are assessed to new and existing notices of intention, and annually thereafter. Small Mining Notices require a \$100.00 annual fee. The Division acknowledges that this fee has been remitted for the 2000 fiscal year.

For your reference, I have enclosed copies of our summarized rules regarding "Operation and Reclamation Practices," and the statutory penalty for failure to reclaim a minesite (SMO-1). Please give

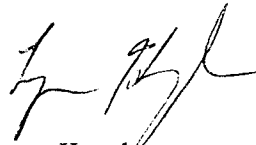
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special consideration to item #10 of the "Operation and Reclamation Practices. Stockpiling topsoil material prior to beginning your mining operation will help ensure successful revegetation efforts upon final reclamation of the minesite. If the area being mined is a solid rock outcrop, or if the land surface is very rocky, then soil stockpiling is probably not possible. However, even the first few inches of undeveloped material is worth saving to aid in later revegetation efforts, and future regulatory release from reclamation requirements.

Should you wish to expand your operation beyond the five (5) acre limitation, please notify this office as soon as possible to discuss the necessary permitting requirements. Approval of a large mining notice could take from six to twelve months or longer.

Thank you for your cooperation. When in the area, a member of the Division staff will examine the site. Best wishes with your mining operation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lynn Kunzler", written over a horizontal line.

Lynn Kunzler
Senior Reclamation Specialist

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Enclosure
cc: Mike Ford, BLM, SLFO
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